

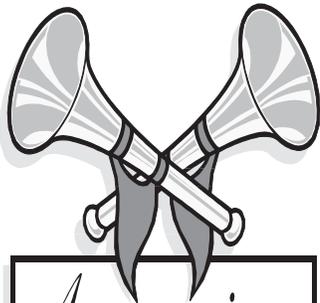
TOWNSHIP OF INDIANA

NEWSLETTER

FALL/WINTER
2016

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK....

The good news this Fall is that Route 910 is finally open with the early completion of the bridge over the PA Turnpike. The negative impact of this closing on residents and local businesses is finally over - and homeowners on Blue Run and Indianola Roads can enjoy less neighborhood traffic and safer roads.



Announcing

Also our new **Township Public Works building** is complete and accessible now that Route 910 is open! We will be having an **“OPEN HOUSE AND BUILDING DEDICATION”** on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** and we welcome all residents to attend! Finally, we have a garage to house expensive equipment that has been sitting outside for years. The Township will save considerable money as our road vehicles will remain indoors and not be subject to weather deterioration. Also snow removal will be much more efficient as our vehicles can remain inside fully loaded with salt and be ready to go at a moment's notice.

Lastly, I want to remind all residents to vote in the November 8th presidential election . This controversial election presents many voters with a dilemma regarding their party's candidate. I am not going to go out on a limb and predict the outcome - but I do know one thing - one of the two **major** party candidates is going to win. Not voting or voting for a minor party candidate in protest may push a close election the “wrong way” depending of course on your point of view. Consider your vote carefully in what seems to me to be one of the most interesting elections in recent history. See you at the polls!

Submitted by Mayor Michael Schurko - DISTRICT #5 - FAIRVIEW



GARBAGE COLLECTION:

*Will NOT BE DELAYED due to the Thanksgiving, Christmas,
or New Year's Day holidays. GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP ON
WEDNESDAYS AS USUAL.*

HALLOWEEN SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

THE NATIONAL CONFECTIONERS ASSOCIATION HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TIPS TO HELP MAKE THIS HALLOWEEN A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE ONE:

- ✓ Wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to the sides, front and back of costume.
- ✓ Make sure children can see well through face masks, or use cosmetics to create fun or scary faces.
- ✓ Adults should accompany young children.
- ✓ Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- ✓ Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.
- ✓ Watch for traffic.
- ✓ Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- ✓ Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- ✓ Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- ✓ Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber which is soft and flexible.



TRICK-OR-TREAT

Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be held

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Residents wishing to participate should
turn their porch lights on.



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INDIANA TOWNSHIP LEAF RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Township will once again have a Leaf Recycling Program this year! Leaves will be collected by our Public Works Department for six weeks beginning October 24th and ending the week of December 5th. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags and placed curbside. Bags will be picked up sometime during each week; Monday pick-ups are not guaranteed!

If you wish to participate, you can purchase brown biodegradable bags at the Town Hall Monday – Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. Bags are sold in bundles of 5 for \$3.00. Please sign-up for the leaf pick up at the time of purchase. Each bag holds approximately 1/3 of a cubic yard.

Pick-up is not guaranteed if bags are not purchased from the Township. Absolutely NO PLASTIC BAGS will be picked up! This program does not include other debris such as grass clippings, brush, etc.

Once collected, the bags are transported to a composting site in the North Hills. In the Spring, the Public Works Department will pick up the topsoil generated from the compost site for use throughout our Township.

Submitted by: Public Works Superintendent,
Larry Smith



Christmas Tree Collection

If you would like to help Indiana Township parks by having your Christmas tree picked up to be mulched, please have your tree out on the curb by **7:00am on Monday, January 9th**. Please make sure all decorations and lights are removed! The trees will be picked up by the Indiana Township Public Works Dept. at some point the week of January 9, 2017. This effort is a cost saving effort by the Township to assist with the mulching of our parks! Waste Management will continue to pick up your Christmas tree throughout December, January and February with your regular garbage pick-up as well.



Hey Neighbor!

The Middle Road Community Park will be hosting "Moonlight Madness" on Saturday, October 15th. The field lights will be lit late into the night.

This activity is run by the Fox Chapel Area Youth Soccer Association.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK BOX PROGRAM!



The Township of Indiana offers a "Prescription Drug Take Back Box". The secure large, blue, metal drop off box is located inside the main lobby of the Indiana Town Hall at 3710 Saxonburg Boulevard. Anyone can use the drop off box during normal Township business hours (Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm).

This service is for anyone wanting to dispose of unwanted or unneeded prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs and vitamins. **NO LIQUID OR NEEDLES ARE TO BE PLACED IN THE BOX - THIS IS DUE TO OBVIOUS SAFETY CONCERNS FOR THE PEOPLE THAT EMPTY THE BOX.** This is a safe alternative to disposing of them yourself or keeping them in your house.

Submitted by Patrolman Marc Myers

CRIME WATCH EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM

The Indiana Township Police Department "Neighborhood Crime Watch" uses emails to help stop crime in the Township. All residents of the Township are welcome to join.

All you need is a working email address that you check on a regular basis. To participate, send an email to: itpdcrimewatch@gmail.com or mmyers@indianatownship.com. Be sure to provide your email address, name and home address so you can be grouped in the correct "Crime Watch" area.

This system is only used to send out Crime Watch Alerts. Officers will not respond to any emails sent to this address. When there are incidents taking place in the Township, residents will be alerted by email. This system is only used when there is a need to get information out to the residents.

Should you have further questions regarding the program, please contact me at mmyers@indianatownship.com or (412)767-5333, ext. 350.

Submitted by Patrolman Marc Myers

"A CHILD IS MISSING" ALERT AND RECOVERY CENTER

"A Child Is Missing" is devoted to assisting law enforcement in the search and early safe recovery efforts of children, elderly persons (often with Alzheimer's), and disabled persons via a rapid-response neighborhood alert program utilizing high-tech telephone systems. This alert program is utilized by a number of municipal, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

"A Child Is Missing" will make alert calls (*when requested by the Indiana Township Police Department*) to the last seen areas, to help find these individuals who are missing.

How does the program work? The Indiana Township Police Department will notify "A Child Is Missing" Alert Program with a description of the missing person, their location and any other important information. The Alert Program utilizes computer mapping and enhanced satellite imagery to select an appropriate calling target area. "A Child Is Missing" utilizes a program to establish and maintain the database with quarterly updates. Unlisted numbers and cell phone numbers are not part of this database, but can be added with a simple registration process on the "A Child Is Missing" website at: www.achildismissing.org. This system generates 1,000 calls in 60 seconds to the area where the person was last seen. Should you have any further questions regarding this program, please contact Officer Kirk Vandenburg at 412-767-5333, Ext 345 or via email at: kvandenburg@indianatownship.com.





ALARM LAW

The State legislature passed a law addressing the growing problem of nuisance false alarms. In Indiana Township, the police and fire departments answer hundreds of false alarm calls each year. This law provides for fines of up to \$300 for home or business owners who have more than three (3) false alarms in any twelve (12) month period. If you are having problems with persistent false alarms at your home or business, please contact your alarm company to have the problem corrected.

It is also important to remember to LOCK your doors after activating your alarm system when you leave your home or business. Many times, police officers arrive at an alarm call only to find that the property owner turned on his alarm system, and then left without locking the doors.

In addition, it is very important for the police to be able to locate your home in the event of an actual emergency. **THEREFORE, IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED DUE TO 9-1-1 RENUMBERING, PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPLY YOUR ALARM COMPANY WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS.** This is critical to ensure prompt police/fire response. If you have any questions regarding the Alarm Law, contact Officer Marc Myers at 412-767-5333, extension 350.

20 FALSE ALARM REDUCTION TIPS FOR CONSUMERS

1. Choose a dealer wisely! Choose a company that is a NBFAA member, look for an I.Q. Certified Company, and purchase a system only from a licensed alarm dealer.
2. Demand thorough training so you are comfortable using your system.
3. Keep a sheet with simple operating procedures for the system handy.
4. Everyone who has a key to your home or business must know how to operate your security system.
5. Remind visiting relatives, kids returning from school, etc. how to use your system.
6. Require all alarm users to use the system in a very responsible way.
7. Be comfortable with how much time you have to arm and disarm your system.
8. Request that all power consuming devices be point identified.
9. Service and maintain the system regularly before false alarms occur.
10. Before leaving-securely close and lock all protected doors and windows.
11. Make sure all doors and windows stay closed whenever your system is armed.
12. Keep pets, fans, heaters, balloons, etc. away from motion sensor areas.
13. Contact your alarm company if you are planning any home improvements.
14. Contact the alarm company and tell them of any changes in your telephone service (call waiting or fax line) or if you get a new area code.
15. Contact your alarm company as soon as you obtain a new pet.
16. Have all alarm system users practice the process to cancel an accidental alarm.
17. When a false alarm occurs-Don't Panic! Enter your disarm code carefully to reset your alarm.
18. If you set off your alarm by accident do not leave until you are certain that either your system is reset or your central station calls you and you give your pass or ID code (this is different from your disarming code).
19. Understand that every time your alarm goes off, it is like calling 9-1-1.
20. If you don't understand any aspect of your system, ask your dealer.

Submitted by Officer Marc Myers
INDIANA TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Caught in the Act: Protect Our Community by Reporting Illegal Dumping and Littering

Make no mistake: Littering and illegal dumping are against the law. There are, however, subtle differences between the two. Litter is primarily small items that have been scattered, including paper, food and beverage containers, convenience products, newspapers, and cardboard. Littering can be intentional or accidental. For instance, some trash found along the road - items blown from yards and vehicles or debris left over from accidents - is the result of an unintentional act.

Illegal dumping, on the other hand, is always intentional and done for many reasons: convenience, ignorance, habit, profit, or to hide other illegal activities. Illegal dumping often involves large items or large quantities of small items, such as appliances, tires, bags of household trash, furniture, and construction and demolition debris.

Despite their differences, litter and illegally dumped items are costly and time-consuming to clean up. Both also pose significant threats to the environment and to the health and safety of humans, animals, and the communities they live in.

Therefore, all of us play a role in curbing these problems. One way you can help: When you see someone littering or dumping items where they shouldn't, report the incident to the proper authorities.

Pay attention to the details...

Any improper disposal of trash — littering or illegal dumping — is against the law, and violators can be prosecuted. Many residents, though, are uncertain about what to do when they observe this illegal activity.

Most important, if you observe someone littering or dumping, **DO NOT APPROACH** the suspect. Instead, get details and descriptions of the incident and turn them over to an enforcement agency as soon as possible. Helpful information includes:

1. The license plate number and description of the vehicle involved (make, model, year, and condition).
2. Number of people involved, along with descriptions.
3. Date and time of incident.
4. Direction of travel, if you witnessed a littering incident, and type of litter thrown from the vehicle.
5. Location and directions to the site of an illegal dump and the name of the property owner, if known.
6. Your name and telephone number.

If a vehicle is involved, the owner is responsible for any trash that has been dropped, thrown, or deposited regardless of who committed the offense. The vehicle license number may be all that you need to report after witnessing a littering incident. However, the more information you provide, the stronger the case will be.

Who to call?

When reporting littering or illegal dumping, always start at the local level. Your township officials are familiar with properties and residents and will be able to respond quickly or point you to the correct authority. Please contact:

- **The Indiana Township Police Department**, who have jurisdiction if the violation occurs on a state road or on public or private land. They can be directly reached at: 412-767-5333, ext. 315. If nobody is at the main desk, please leave your name, address, a return phone number and where the dumping took place so that the officer on duty can call you back for more details.
- **The Indiana Township Department of Code Enforcement** may also be able to help. They can be reached at 412-767-5333, ext. 320. If nobody answers the phone, once again, please leave your name, address, a return phone number and where the dumping took place so that the situation can be looked into further.



WASTE MANAGEMENT'S BAGSTER®

"Dumpster in a Bag" Program

The Bagster from Waste Management is the economical solution to your projects that generate unwanted debris. ***It is a portable dumpster that can be purchased at the Township Building, during regular business hours, for \$29.95.*** The Bagster bag has the capacity to hold up to 3 cubic yards/3,300 pounds of debris. Acceptable items include concrete (1 cubic yard), construction material, plaster, roofing shingles, carpet, etc. The bag measures 8' long by 4' wide by 2'6" tall. The Bagster is the perfect solution for many types of projects including renovations/remodeling, organizing a garage or attic, landscaping, roofing and concrete. Once notified, Waste Management will collect the Bagster within three business days for a fee of around \$150. For additional information, visit www.thebagster.com or Bagster customer care at 877-789-2247.

Please place your Bagster in an area that can easily be picked up by Waste Management when it is full. But the Bagster **CANNOT** be placed right on a public street. It is illegal to block roadways within the Township.

We are hoping that residents find this new program to be very effective in aiding in their clean-up projects, and much cheaper than renting a full-sized dumpster. Let's continue to keep Indiana Township a beautiful place to live!!

TRASH AND RECYCLING REMINDERS

The following items are recyclable: ALL papers (newsprint/phone books/magazines/corrugated, etc.), Glass (beverage and food containers only), Plastics #1 - #7 (Food, beverage, shampoo bottles, etc.), Tin, and Aluminum (food and beverage containers). ****NOTE**** Cardboard **MUST** be cut to fit and placed inside the recycling bin. **THESE ITEMS CAN ALL BE PLACED IN YOUR 65 GALLON GREEN AND YELLOW RECYCLING BIN.** Do not forget to place the container with the lid opening towards the street with a minimum of three feet between each container and/or other objects. Also, there is **NO** need to put your container out each week if it is only partially full. You may wait until the container is full and then put it out for collection.

Yard waste, including leaves, garden residue, shrubbery, limbs, twigs, brush, tree trimmings and similar material, but not grass clippings, will be collected once each month from March through December. Residents must call in to the Township Office prior to collection to request this service. Further information on collection dates and the call-in phone number are provided in each quarterly Newsletter.

Following is a reminder of items that **WILL NOT** be picked up during regular trash collection:

- **ALL televisions and other electronic items, including computers**
- Paving materials, stones, rocks, sand, dirt, broken concrete, automobile parts including tires, lead-acid batteries, sod, paints and stains, flammable liquids, 55 gallon metal drums, metal grease drums, pianos, spas, water softeners that have not been emptied of salt, liquids or other chemicals, hot tubs, furnaces, garage door openers and concrete wash tubs
- Refuse caused by other than minor repairs, alterations, remodeling, demolition and/or construction of buildings and other structures
- Bushes, shrubs or other vegetation with earth or soil attached to the root system
- Tree trunks, parts of tree trunks or tree trunks that have been cut into smaller pieces
- Brush, parts of brush or brush that has been cut into smaller pieces

Residents are reminded that trash must be placed at the curb prior to 6:00 am on Wednesdays (unless collection is delayed due to a holiday). Thank you in advance for your cooperation!!

GARBAGE- MONTHLY YARD WASTE

The Township's "Garbage Contract" enables residents to participate in a monthly yard waste pick up program. Yard waste is limited to: leaves in biodegradable bags, garden residue, shrubbery trimmings, limbs, twigs, brush & tree trimmings and similar material, but **NOT** including grass clippings. All tree trimmings and limbs should be cut in lengths not over 48" and securely bundled. Each bundle shall not weigh in excess of 40 lbs. and individual limbs shall not be more than three inches in diameter.

Be sure to leave yard waste in a place that is **VISIBLE** for Waste Management drivers. Do NOT place yard waste under trees, shrubs, or anywhere else the waste cannot be seen from the road.

Yard waste will be picked up only ONE scheduled garbage day per month during the period of March through December. **The next pickups will be on: November 23rd and December 21st.** (There is no monthly yard waste pickups in January or February). The Township **MUST** be notified in advance of your willingness to participate, **EACH** time, at **least** a week and a half in advance. If you live on a private road, you must put your yard waste at the main road. Anyone who fails to notify the Township in time to be put on the list will not qualify for that month's pickup. Please call (412)767-5333, then dial "5" for Administration to be placed on the list for the month. If you have any additional questions, or need to sign up for the Senior Sticker Program, please contact Waste Management directly at 1-800-458-4090. DO NOT call them to be placed on the yard waste program list.

Recyclebank program

Every day, you're interacting with the building blocks of the future. You might not realize it, but it's true. In fact, every time you roll your recyclables to the curb, you're giving materials the chance to be transformed into something new. For a long time, the focus has been about doing it for the planet, but recycling also makes a big difference in our community, too.

Recyclebank is helping us change the way we think about recycling. They're constantly posting new content to help us rethink our daily routines, and they're also helping members see how the little things can add up and have a positive impact on the bigger picture.

If you're not familiar with Recyclebank, you're missing out on the chance to turn good actions into great deals. You can earn points for the recycling you already do and by completing fun, interactive features on their website. Best of all, after you've racked up enough points, you can cash them in for discounts on a variety of products and services.

Visit: www.Recyclebank.com today to sign up!

**Submitted by Daniel L. Anderson,
Manager**



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Town Hall Community Center Rental Information



Let us help you celebrate! The Town Hall Community Center is available for rent! Please call Holly Sammartino, 412-767-5333 x 311 or e-mail hsammartino@indianatownship.com to check availability.

Indiana Township residents can rent one full year in advance! All rules and regulations are available on the Indiana Township website, www.indianatownship.com . Rental literature is also available at the Indiana Township Town Hall, Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

Facility Rental Rates:

First fee residents/second fee non-residents

Primetime: Monday-Friday, 3:30pm-10pm Saturday and Sunday all day

Non-Primetime: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm, rentals during these times qualify for 25% discount

	Hourly	3 Hours	6 Hours	8 Hours
Gymnasium (Hourly only)	\$45/54	-----	-----	-----
Classroom Max .Capacity of 40	\$30/36	\$72/86	\$135/162	\$168/202
Community Room Max. Capacity of 120	\$50/60	\$120/144	\$225/270	\$280/336
Kitchen	\$25/30	\$60/72	\$113/135	\$140/168

"BIRTHDAY BUNDLE"
3 hours of usage of the classroom & gymnasium
Resident: \$150.00 /
Non-Resident: \$180.00

- Alcohol Consumption Permits are available to renters except for Gymnasium use. The fee is \$25.00 per rental date
- A Damage Deposit is required for every rental. Deposit must be in the form of a check in the amount of \$100.00
- Damage Security Deposit must be on file with all necessary rental paperwork to confirm rental date, location, time, etc.
- *An additional fee of \$30.00 per hour for any time before or after the following facility hours will be charged: Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm; Friday: 9am-11pm; Saturday: 8am-11pm; Sunday: 11am-9pm. This fee covers the cost of the maintenance of the facility and grounds following rentals that begin or end after Community Center hours.*

Facility rentals include the use of the patio, weather permitting!

The Indiana Township
Town Hall Community
Center will be **CLOSED**
the following dates:

Election Day: November 8
Veteran's Day: November 11
Thanksgiving & day after:
November 24 & 25
Christmas Eve (observed):
December 23
Christmas (observed):
December 26
New Year's Day (observed):
January 2, 2017

OPEN GYM

The Town Hall Community Center
GYMNASIUM

is available for OPEN GYM
the following dates/times:

Thursday, 7pm-10pm

Saturday, 8am-1pm

Sunday, 8am-1pm

Open Gym days/times may vary without notice.

**All children 11 years old and younger must
be accompanied by an adult (18 yrs+)
while in the facility.*

**Gymnasium will open & close promptly
at above noted times (no exceptions)*



FOOD DRIVE!

**Indiana Township will be collecting non-
perishable items to donate to the
local food bank.**

**Please drop off your donations in the
Indiana Township Town Hall Vestibule:**

It is open 24 hours/7 days a week.

*** Please check expiration dates before
depositing items into collection box!***

**The last day for donations is Friday,
December 9, 2016.**

*Thank you for helping local needy
families! Wishing you and your family
happy & safe holidays!*



RETIRE YOUR FLAGS PROPERLY!

The Township has a flag disposal bin in the Town Hall vestibule. Each fall the flags are given to Allegheny County for proper retirement at the County's Flag Retirement Ceremony in North Park.

The ceremony honors all who have and continue to serve our country as well as the victims of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks. Please contribute by donating your flags in the Town Hall vestibule.

Indiana Township Town Hall
3710 Saxonburg Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 1523



LONG TIME PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN RETIRES

After 31 years of dedicated service, Public Works Foreman, John Carson, has retired. John joined the Township Road Crew in 1985 becoming Public Works Foreman shortly thereafter. John's efforts and hard work can be seen throughout the Township whether in the community parks, Township roads or facilities. He will be missed by the Township employees and Supervisors. We wish him a long and relaxing well-deserved retirement.

Congratulations, John!

TOWNSHIP POTHOLE HOTLINE

Anyone wanting to report a pothole on a PUBLIC TOWNSHIP ROAD should call Public Works Superintendent, Larry Smith directly at the Public Works Garage, 412-767-5333 x 319 or send an e-mail to lsmith@indianatownship.com. The Township cannot repair roads that are privately owned, State or County roads.

Potholes on State Roads can be reported to PennDOT at 412-781-3260.

State Roads include: Saxonburg Blvd., Harts Run Road, Dorseyville Road (*Fox Chapel Rd. to Harts Run Rd.*), Fox Chapel Road, Guys Run Road, Burchfield Road, Church Lane, Little Deer Creek Road, LeFever Hill Road, Rich Hill Road (*Mill Dam Rd. to LeFever Hill Rd.*), Indianola Road, Route 910 and Log Cabin Road.



Potholes on County Roads can be reported to Allegheny County at 412-931-2517.

County Roads include:

Crawford Run Road, Dorseyville Road (*Saxonburg Blvd. to Fox Chapel Rd. / Harts Run Rd. to Fox Chapel Line / Fox Chapel Line to O'Hara Line*)

MS4 – Stormwater Management Tips: Six Simple Steps to Better Water Quality

1. **If you don't drink it, don't dump it** — Anything you would not put in your body should not go into your sanitary or storm sewer system.
2. **Do not treat your lawn before it rains** — That is like rinsing the contents of your wallet right down the drain, and it contaminates the watershed
3. **Sweep sidewalks and driveways** — Rinsing debris or spills down the storm drain puts chemicals and unnatural sediment into the water system
4. **Pick up after your pet** — In addition to keeping your neighborhood clean, pickup up pet waste prevents harmful bacteria from entering Pine Creek or other waterways
5. **Properly dispose of chemicals** — Call the Allegheny County Health Department recycling office at 412-578-8390 to dispose of cleaners, paint, automotive products (motor oil, antifreeze, etc.) and other hazardous materials. If it is dangerous for you, it is dangerous for our water
6. **Make a difference with your lawn** — Redirect your downspout into your garden, create a rain garden or install a rain barrel. They will keep your property from eroding and could lower your water and sewer bill.



HELP the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT this WINTER!



Winter is around the corner and the Indiana Township Public Works Department will be hard at work maintaining our roads once the snow arrives! Indiana Township has approximately 30 miles of Township owned roads to maintain. Additionally the Township provides snow and ice control on a number of State and County owned roads within the Township. These roads include Indianola Road, LeFever Hill Road, Little Deer Creek Road, Rich Hill Road and Saxonburg Boulevard. As well, portions of Harts Run Road, Church Lane, Crawford Run Road, Dorseyville Road, Fox Chapel Road, Burchfield Road, Middle Road, Guys Run Road and Route 910 are treated. The remainder of the State and County roads are maintained by PennDOT (412- 781-9860) and Allegheny County (412- 931-2517) of which can be contacted with any concerns.

PLEASE HELP BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES:

- PARK YOUR VEHICLES IN YOUR DRIVEWAY instead of the street or cul-de-sac when snow is predicted. On-street parking not only delays snow removal, but can also create hazardous situations for other motorists and emergency vehicles.
- TRASH CANS SHOULD BE ON THE CURB, NOT STREET.
- IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DEPOSIT SNOW OR ICE ONTO PUBLIC HIGHWAYS & ROADWAYS by any person, firm or corporation by way of shovel or plow.
- PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING THEIR OWN DRIVEWAYS. The Public Works Department cannot plow private property under any circumstance. *This includes PRIVATE ROADS!*
- USE CAUTION WHILE FOLLOWING SALT TRUCKS DURING SNOW REMOVAL! Stay a safe distance from the back of the truck so that salt or cinders do not damage your vehicle. While traveling on any narrow road, please allow adequate room for trucks to maneuver safely around your vehicle. If you encounter a truck attempting to back into a side street, please extend it the right of way.
- UNLESS YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO REPORT YOUR STREET NEEDS TO BE PLOWED OR SALTED! Snow routes are completed according to priority, with school bus routes and main roads being cleared first. Side streets and secondary streets are cleared later. Furthermore, the Indiana Township Police Department notifies the Public Works Foreman of dangerous conditions which require immediate attention.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with the guidelines above and wishing safe travels to everyone this season! Public Works Superintendent, Larry Smith

Township Employee News!

Mr. Larry Smith joined the Township of Indiana as the
new Public Works Superintendent.

WELCOME, LARRY!

CHRISTMAS FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The Holiday season is upon us. This is a time of joy but there is also an element of danger. To keep your holiday season joyful, we would like to take a few moments to discuss important safety issues. Christmas, along with Hanukkah, is undoubtedly the highlight of the holiday season. Gatherings of people, food, drink, fancy clothing, candles, decorations and the fireplace are all part of these events.

New Year's comes right around the corner and we are all exhausted. The issue of our personal and loved ones' safety tends to take a back seat to all of this celebration. Holiday safety should be part of our planning when preparing for these festive days. Below are a few suggestions to make your holiday season remembered for it's joyfulness and not for it's tragedy.

- Be sure to test your smoke detectors.
- Clean the oven and stove prior to the holiday. Often the extra load on these appliances causes a fire due to the high use and extra grease build-up.
- Keep kitchen clutter away from the stove and oven.
- Be extra careful with matches and candles.
- Avoid loose, flammable clothing. Clothing often catches on fire around candles, matches, fireplaces and stoves (both electric and gas).
- Keep decorations away from sources of heat such as open flames, electric heaters and exposed electric bulbs.
- Don't overload electric outlets. Inspect electrical cords and light sets. If in doubt - throw them out.

Christmas Tree tips:

- Keep your Christmas tree in a sturdy base filled with water and check the water level daily.
- Spraying the Christmas tree with a flame retardant is always a good idea.
- Make a fresh cut on the trunk of your tree and place in a sturdy holder.
- Place the tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces and heaters.
- Do not use candles on or near the tree.
- Safely dispose of your tree before it becomes dangerously dry; however, never burn tree or tree parts in your fireplace.

Christmas Light tips:

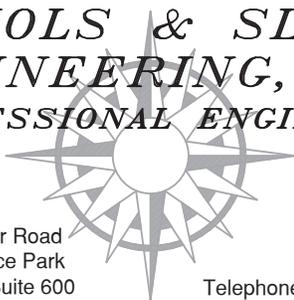
- Purchase only UL approved lights.
- Check all indoor and outdoor lights for frayed cords, replace if necessary.
- Never use lights that have an empty socket.
- Lights should not touch combustible materials. Use only outdoor lights for "outdoors".
- Turn off all Christmas lights prior to leaving your home or going to bed.
- Mini lights are safest because they produce less heat.
- Avoid using extension cords, but if you do follow instructions carefully.
- Do not overload electrical circuits such as wall outlets and extension cords; use a circuit strip.

Christmas Wrapping tips:

- Keep combustible materials away from heat sources.
- Never burn wrappings in your fireplace.

In closing, every home should have an operating fire extinguisher and smoke detector. We would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

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BURNING PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED

TO BE ISSUED IN INDIANA TOWNSHIP. THE TOWNSHIP, LIKE MOST NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES, FOLLOWS THE "ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S AIR QUALITY PROGRAM" AS OUTLINED BELOW. ANYONE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINES AND/OR PENALTIES.

To review the Allegheny County open burning regulations, please go to: www.achd.net/air/.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

GUIDELINES AND ENFORCEMENT OF OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

§2105.50 OF ARTICLE XXI

(Amended: January 1, 2015)

1. **OPEN BURNING SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE ALLOWED WITHOUT A PERMIT ONLY IF:**

a. **For recreation, camping, or a cookout:**

- i. Only dry, clean wood products or other clean-burning fuels are burned;
- ii. Only smokeless fuels, if any, are used to start the fire;
- iii. The pile of material being burned is no larger than three feet long and three feet wide and two feet high; and
- iv. The fire is at least fifteen feet (15 ft.) from the nearest structure, inhabited area, roadway, property line, or utility; and
- v. No fires are permitted to be burned on Air Quality Action Days. To determine if a day is under this restriction, please visit the Health Department's website at: www.achd.net or call 412-578-8179.

b. **For Warmth of work crews:**

- i. The burning is conducted in a noncombustible container no larger than a 55 gallon drum;
- ii. The material being burned is completely contained by the container;
- iii. Only one container is used for each work crew; and
- iv. The outside temperature is less than forty degrees Fahrenheit (40° F).

TO REPORT SOMEONE WHO IS IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RULES, CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT "9-1-1" WHEN THE BURNING IS TAKING PLACE.



Wood & Pellet Stove Safety

As the temperature drops outside, wood and pellet stoves may be fired up inside the home. What you may not realize is that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months.

- »» Have a QUALIFIED professional install stoves, chimney connectors, and chimneys.
- »» Stoves should have the LABEL of an independent testing laboratory.
- »» In wood stoves, burn only DRY, seasoned wood. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.
- »» Have your chimney and stove INSPECTED and cleaned by a certified chimney sweep every fall just before heating season.
- »» CLEAN the inside of your stove periodically using a wire brush.
- »» Allow ashes to COOL before disposing of them. Place ashes in a covered metal container. Keep the container at least 10 feet away from the home and other buildings.
- »» Keep a CLOSE EYE on children whenever a wood or pellet stove is being used. Remind them to stay at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- »» Stoves need SPACE. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- »» INSTALL and maintain **carbon monoxide alarms** (CO) outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect the CO alarms. When one sounds, they all sound.

SMOKE ALARM SENSE

Install and maintain smoke alarms on **EVERY** level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. For the best protection, interconnect the alarms. When one sounds, they all sound. **TEST** all smoke alarms at least monthly.



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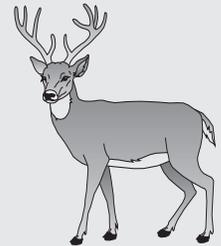
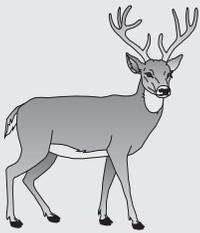
ATTENTION TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES: IS YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION CORRECT WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT???

The police department keeps a directory of emergency contacts for businesses located in the Township. This is used in case it becomes necessary to make contact in emergency or urgent situations with an owner, manager, or other responsible party. This mostly occurs after hours, but could become necessary during business hours if such a person becomes sick or injured. Most businesses provide this information initially when they obtain their Occupancy Permit from our Code Enforcement office. Over time, these contacts can change. If you would like to review or update your business emergency contacts, please contact Officer Marc Myers at (412) 767-5333, ext. 350 or via email at mmyers@indianatownship.com. Our software allows for up to four contacts per business with both a home and cell phone number for each contact.

REMOVING DEAD DEER FROM ROADWAYS

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Please call the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at this number to remove deer hit by vehicles and are on the side of the road. However, this is for STATE- OWNED roads only. Also, keep in mind they remove **deer only**...please do not call for the removal of any other types of animals. When calling, be sure to tell them your name, address (including Township and County) and phone number, as well as the approximate date the deer was killed and its location.



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Indiana Township
Supervisor, District 3

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LOWER VALLEY AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP TIME

Have you signed up for your membership?? If not, these are some good reasons why you should:



1. It helps us continue to protect you and your loved ones.
2. It helps to keep up with the ever increasing costs of buying ambulances, lifesaving medical equipment and training for our dedicated personnel.
3. It's honored in many communities outside of our service area.
4. And, it provides you with a **75% discount** on any out of pocket expenses!

So what are you waiting for?? Stop down and talk to our administrative team and get signed up or give them a call. We are happy to help or answer any questions you may have!!

**Lower Valley Ambulance Service, 222 Herron Avenue, Cheswick, PA 15024
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SAFETY TIPS WHEN WALKING YOUR DOG AT NIGHT

A lot of neighborhoods in Indiana Township have no, or very little, street lighting. If you're out walking your dog at night, you probably realize that there are certain risks involved. One of the biggest issues is not being visible to vehicular traffic.

Here are some tips for making you and your dog more visible whenever you're out walking after dark:

- Be sure to wear light or bright clothing.
- Purchase reflective tape and add a strip to your clothing where it can easily be seen. You may also want to consider applying reflective tape to your dog's collar or purchasing a reflective collar.
- Always carry a flashlight.
- Think about purchasing and wearing shoes equipped with either reflectors or LED lights in the heels.
- Avoid walking in the middle of the road. Stay on the side and be sure to walk against the traffic. This way, you can see oncoming traffic, and hopefully they will see you too.

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In accordance with Ordinance #287, failure to do so **WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER OCCUPANCY** may result in the issuance of a citation to the property owner and/or tenant.

Please contact Jacque Rouggie at the Township office at 412-767-5333, extension 322 or via email at: jrouggie@indianatownship.com

to obtain the proper form.

Indiana Township Police K-9 Shirts For Sale

Please contact K9 Officer Scott Palmer to place your order 412-767-5333, Ext. 339 or via email at spalmer@indianatownship.com. Shirts are also available for sale in the Town Hall Office during regular business hours.

Thank you for your continued support!

PRICES:

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Caring for K9's Fundraiser

On Saturday, September 10th, Kisle Lynn of Hampton Township arrived at the Indiana Township Town Hall Community Center in the early morning hours to prepare for the arrival of over 30 fellow scrapbookers. Mrs. Lynn has created the "Caring for K9's" fundraiser to generate funds for the Indiana Township K9 program. This is the 3rd scrapbook fundraiser event she has hosted. This year, \$1,070.00 was raised from the scrapbooking event as well as t-shirt, sweatshirt sales and private

donations orchestrated by Mrs. Lynn. B & Z Deli donated the meals for all the ladies and Emmerling Ice Cream donated dessert!

Next year's event will once again take place at the Indiana Township Town Hall Community Center on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Mrs. Lynn is hoping to have 40 scrapbookers and raise even more for the K9 Program!

K9 Ares is 7 years old and joined the Indiana Township Police Department in 2009. He is an invaluable member of the Police Department and the entire community. When he isn't working, he resides with K9 Officer Scott Palmer and his family.

Indiana Township greatly appreciates Mrs. Lynn and all the scrapbookers' dedication to the K9 Program. Our sincerest *thank you* to all who participated and all those who donate to the K9 Fund throughout the year!



INDIANA TOWNSHIP WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW BUSINESS TO THE TOWNSHIP:

SASTRE MARTIAL ARTS, 3390 Saxonburg Blvd., Ste. 200,
Hartwood Towne Center (Glenshaw Area)

IS YOUR HOMEOWNER'S POLICY CORRECT?

All volunteer fire departments in Pennsylvania receive distributions from the Commonwealth as a percentage of the premiums paid by residents of a municipality for homeowner's insurance. However, in order for the distribution to be made properly, the correct municipality must be indicated on your homeowner's insurance policy. Therefore, it is important that you check your insurance policy and/or contact your agent to make certain that your home is listed in INDIANA TOWNSHIP, not simply "Cheswick, 15024", "Rural Ridge, 15075", "Indianola, 15051", "Pittsburgh, 15238", "Glenshaw, 15116", or "Allison Park, 15101". Otherwise, the distribution to the local fire departments can be reduced.

"24 HOUR" DROP BOX AT TOWN HALL

Need to leave us something after regular business hours? For your convenience, there is a drop box located in our Town Hall vestibule which is open 24 hours a day.

Payments can also be dropped off for Tax Collector Phyllis Will.

Please do not deposit any cash and make sure anything placed in the drop box is in a sealed envelope, identifying the intended recipient.

TOWNSHIP PENSION NEWS

The Township was assessed a Total Distress Score of "0" by the Pennsylvania Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC) based on the fact that our two pension plans are funded at 90%. A "0" is the best score issued by PERC.

Submitted by Candace C. Wygonik, Director of Finance/Administration



FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) NEWS

NOAA WEATHER RADIOS - EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE ONE!

A NOAA Weather Radio can help you monitor dangerous storms: it transmits alerts of severe weather and dangerous conditions before they arrive.

The National Weather Service (NWS) broadcasts forecasts and severe weather warnings and watches 24 hours a day over the NOAA radio network. A watch means that potentially life-threatening weather is heading toward your area. A warning means that potentially life-threatening weather is imminent or already occurring.

NOAA's radio system is an all-hazards system, providing watches and warnings for such incidents as floods, tornados, oil spills, 911 telephone outages, terrorist and AMBER alerts, as well as post-event information. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency recommend that every home and business have a NOAA Weather Radio receiver as standard equipment for around-the-clock reports.

Weather radios are available at electronics stores at prices ranging from \$20 to \$200. Here are some features you should look for when purchasing one:

- Alarm tone - This allows the radio to be set on silent but produces a special tone to alert you to severe weather.
- Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) - This feature provides area specific information by filtering out alerts that do not affect your immediate area.
- Hand crank or battery operated - A radio should be able to operate on batteries or be hand-cranked to produce operating power.
- Tunable to all NWS frequencies - Visit www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr for frequencies.
- For those with a hearing impairment - A feature that allows radios to connect the alarms to other attention-getting devices such as personal computers and text printers.

More information is available online at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT STORM OR FLOOD

Heavy rains and flooding can occur anytime. Officials recommend that Pennsylvania residents prepare now for the next storm or flood. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), some simple actions can be taken to lower your chances of flood property losses and to make sure your family is safe.

CREATING AND KEEPING RECORDS SAFE: Create a file with your personal information in it. Keep the information in a safe deposit box or in a waterproof container in your home. The file should contain:

- ✓ Life and property insurance policies and your agent's contact information.
- ✓ A copy of your deed if you own real estate.
- ✓ Financial records and bank account numbers.
- ✓ An inventory of your possessions.
- ✓ Photographs of each room and its contents.
- ✓ Critical documents such as wills, trusts, and medical directives.

PREPARING YOUR HOME:

- ✓ Keep your sump pump in good working order.
- ✓ Clean out debris from gutters and downspouts regularly so rain water can flow through.
- ✓ Keep fuel tanks anchored to prevent them from floating away and possibly causing harm.
- ✓ Raise electrical items such as switches, circuit breakers, and wiring at least 12 inches above the point you think floodwaters might reach.
- ✓ If possible, raise the furnace, water heater, washer, and dryer onto cement blocks at least 12 inches above the point you expect flood water might reach.

SAFEGUARDING YOUR FAMILY:

- ✓ Make a safety kit with a 3 day supply of drinking water and canned food, a can opener, first aid items, blankets, a National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) radio, and a flashlight with batteries.
- ✓ Put emergency contact telephone numbers by each phone, program them into your cell phones, post them on the refrigerator and teach your children how to dial 911.
- ✓ Know your community's evacuation plan and practice the flood evacuation route with your family. Find safe routes from home, work and school-those on higher ground.
- ✓ Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to be the contact for your family in case of an emergency.
- ✓ Make plans to protect and care for your pets.
- ✓ Purchase flood insurance. When the next flood comes you will be glad you have an insurance settlement to help you recover from any losses you have. To find the agent closest to you, go to www.floodsmart.gov and enter your address.

For more information on emergency preparations visit Ready.gov or www.DisasterAssistance.gov, or call FEMA's Helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily. Those with speech or hearing impairments may call TTY 1-800-462-7585. If you use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. Operators are multilingual and calls are answered seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. You also can register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by smart phone or tablet at m.fema.gov. If you have a disability and need help registering, please don't hesitate to contact FEMA to ask for help.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

SHADY SIDE ACADEMY NEWS

Admissions Open Houses

Families interested in applying to Shady Side Academy for the 2017-2018 school year are invited to attend an upcoming open house to tour campus, meet the faculty and school head, and learn more about the SSA experience. SSA welcomes Fox Chapel Country Day School as its second PK-5 campus in 2017. RSVP online for open houses at www.ShadySideAcademy.org/Visit.



- Junior School (PK-5, Point Breeze) – Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. or Thurs., Dec. 1, at 9:15 a.m.
- Fox Chapel Country Day School (PK-5, Fox Chapel) – Thursday, Dec. 8, at 9:30 a.m.
- Middle School (6-8, Fox Chapel) – Saturday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. or Thursday, Jan. 12, at 9 a.m.
- Senior School (9-12, Fox Chapel) – Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Parent Education Program November 9th

Clinical psychologist Dr. Catherine Steiner-Adair, author of *The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age*, will host a presentation for parents on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Hillman Center for Performing Arts at Shady Side Academy Senior School. The event is free and open to the public. Learn more at www.shadysideacademy.org/parenteducation.

Hillman Performing Arts Series

The 2016-2017 Hillman Performing Arts Series features a great lineup of family-friendly shows. Performances are held on Saturday evenings at the Hillman Center for Performing Arts on the SSA Senior School campus, 423 Fox Chapel Road. Learn more and buy tickets at www.thehillman.org or call 412-968-3040.

- Sat., Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. – Rhythmic Circus (funk band with tap dancers)
- Sat., Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. – Committed (Grammy-nominated a cappella group)
- Sat., Mar. 11, 7:30 p.m. – Playing By Air! (comedy, music and juggling)
- Sat., Apr. 8, 3:30 p.m. – The StepCrew (Celtic music and step dancing)

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EMMERLING & MIDDLE ROAD COMMUNITY PARKS & RURAL RIDGE COMMUNITY PARKLET RESERVATIONS & FEES

The Township will begin taking applications for pavilion rentals on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 9:00am! Application must be made at the Township building during regular business hours and are granted on a first-come, first served basis. Individuals must be at least 21 years of age. ***PAYMENT FOR RENTAL AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT MUST BE MADE AT THE TIME OF SIGN-UP; SHELTERS WILL NOT BE HELD WITHOUT PAYMENT. TWO SEPARATE CHECKS OR CASH ARE REQUIRED; THE TOWNSHIP DOES ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS FOR THE RENTAL FEE, NOT THE DEPOSIT! Resident - 1st business day of February / Non-Resident-2 weeks following***

<u>EMMERLING PARK</u>				
Old Mill Dam (by ballfield), Dogwood (by volleyball), Laurel Oak (before Emmerling House)				
Gazebo (different rental fee structure from pavilions)				
<u>MIDDLE ROAD</u>				
Pleasant View (next to ballfield & playground)				
<u>RURAL RIDGE</u>				
Rural Ridge pavilion (no electricity therefore \$10.00 less in every category)				

CATEGORY	# OF PEOPLE	FEE	DEPOSIT	ALCOHOL FEE
TWP. RESIDENT or RESIDENT REPRESENTING A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	1-50	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
	51-100	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
NON-RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT REPRESENTING A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	1-50	\$95.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
	51-100	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
ANY PROFITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION	1-50	\$135.00	\$100.00	\$60.00
	51-100	\$215.00	\$100.00	\$60.00

EMMERLING PARK - GAZEBO

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE	FEE	DEPOSIT	ALCOHOL FEE
TWP. RESIDENT or RESIDENT REPRESENTING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	1-50	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
	51-75	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$10.00
NON-RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT REPRESENTING A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	1-50	\$160.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
	51-75	\$235.00	\$100.00	\$25.00
ANY PROFITABLE ORGANIZATION OR CORPORATION	1-50	\$235.00	\$100.00	\$60.00
	51-75	\$310.00	\$100.00	\$60.00

ATTENTION EMMERLING PARK PATRONS:

Restricted public use during Summer Camp Hours!

Emmerling Community Park will be CLOSED to the public:

Monday-Friday, 8:30am-1:30pm beginning

Monday, June 19th, 2017 through Friday, July 21st, 2017. Laurel Oak pavilion will

remain open during these times for anyone wanting to utilize a pavilion or playground

equipment. This closure is to ensure all campers' safety during camp hours. Thank you for your cooperation.





1 in 10 families in your area lives in poverty- NHCO asks for your help!

Did you know that in Fox Chapel School District, one of every ten families lives at or below the poverty line? Those are families who struggle to afford a car to get to work, keep their home warm or feed their children. And it's not always apparent to their neighbors or even their loved ones.

Last year, North Hills Community Outreach served nearly 4,000 families in northern Allegheny County in crisis, hardship and poverty, including hundreds of families in Fox Chapel School District and 18 in Indiana Township.

NHCO provides emergency help (food, one time rental assistance, utility help, etc) as well as long-term solutions (employment help, budgeting counseling, a car donation program for low-income workers, college scholarships for nontraditional students, and much more).

During the holiday season and winter months, heating bills, and school, medical and food expenses become major stresses that make it impossible for parents in need to provide their children with a nice holiday. Here are some ways you can help:

Sharing Winter Warmth: NHCO needs financial donations to help senior citizens and families with one-time heating bill payments. This also helps to relieve the financial burden of the holidays for these families. Donate online at nhco.org, or send checks payable to NHCO to 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. The first \$25,000 in individual financial contributions made before December 31, 2016, will be matched by an anonymous donor!

Thanksgiving on Every Table: Provides complete Thanksgiving meals, including \$15 grocery gift cards for a turkey (Collecting through November 16). For a list of items, visit nhco.org/sharing-project-donations.

Holiday Toy Shop: New and unwrapped toys, sporting goods, books, gift cards for children ages birth through 18. Teen gifts are especially needed (think itunes and other gift cards, DVDs, CDs, sports equipment and apparel, etc) (Collecting November 14 - December 14)



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Looking for a great place to hold your holiday party? Call us at (412) 963-6100 to learn more about events at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve and Succop Nature Park.

Wednesday Morning Naturalist Led Walks at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Every Wednesday morning at 9 am. Join us for free naturalist led walks through the reserve, year round!

Fledglings: Nature Programs for Preschoolers and a Caregiver at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12 from 10 – 11:15 am. Give your 3-5 year old a head start on a lifetime of loving the outdoors. Fledglings programs incorporate stories, a walk, and activities to introduce new and fun nature themes to young participants.

Girls and Dolls Holiday Tea – Dec 3; 11 am and 3 pm ** Holiday Tea - Dec 10; 11 am and 3 pm

What better way to kick off the holidays than with tea, snacks, holiday carols, and a craft. These events fill fast and take place at Succop Nature Park, 185 West Airport Road in Butler.

Winter Birding with Audubon at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Dec 3 from 12-2 pm. How do birds survive the cold of winter? Come explore with our naturalists and observe what species of birds are to be discovered and some of their strategies of survival.

Decorate a Mini Tree at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

Dec 4 from 2-4 pm. Get into the holiday spirit by decorating a mini tree using natural materials. Registration required 1 week prior to workshop for gathering of materials.

Maple Madness at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve

March 18 with seatings at 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12, 12:30 and 1 pm. Enjoy a pancake brunch and a hike through the history of maple sugaring. Registration is required. Last seating for pancake brunch is at 1:00 pm. Last guided hike leaves after the 1 pm brunch group has finished their meal.

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Fox Chapel Garden Club Presents:

Glitter and Glow

**December 7, 2016 from 7 to 9 pm at the
Fox Chapel Golf Club**

Fox Chapel Garden Club will present its major fund-raising event of the year which benefits area conservation groups and environmental education including a significant scholarship for a graduating Fox Chapel High School senior girl who intends to pursue a degree in an environmental science related field.

Other beneficiaries of our fund raising activities include Cooper-Siegel Library gardens, Fox Chapel Area School District's elementary and high school gardens, St. Margaret Foundation's "Garden of Hope", Pittsburgh's Botanic Gardens, Fox Chapel Parks Commission and other related organizations.

The Fox Chapel Garden Club creates one-of-a-kind live plant and greens works of art for your homes or offices. The evening also includes a delicious light dinner buffet, cash bar, silent auction and significant raffled baskets. What could be more relaxing than spending a nice evening out with friends and colleagues, enjoying great food and drinks while being able to shop and cross off many on your holiday lists!

The cover charge of \$35.00 includes your entrance fee and delicious dinner and dessert buffet. The bar is a cash bar. Tickets can be ordered directly by mailing your \$35.00 check made out to Fox Chapel Garden Club, c/o Cris Scott, 125 Catalpa Ridge Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Questions can be directed to cris.scott125@gmail.com

The location of the event is Fox Chapel Golf Club, 426 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Valet parking is available.

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Thursday, December 1, 2016
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Friday, December 2, 2016
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ART BAZAAR

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Library Programs for Adults

Please register by calling the reference department at 412-828-9520 ext. 15 or by sending an email to coopersiegelref@einetwork.net.

Some programs and classes will have fees and some will be free.

Sunday Music at the Library: A free concert each month at 2 pm is held during the months the library is open on Sundays. On November 13 at 2 pm Pittsburgh Taiko performs a free concert of Taiko drumming. **Winter Reading Program:** Begins in January. Win a gift card for reading! We have summer reading program for ages birth through adult. **Free Guitar Classes for all ages:** A class for those beginning with guitar, held once a month. Contact the library for details. **Get Help with Your Gadget:** Get one-on-one help with your tablet, laptop, phone, etc. Call the library for an appointment. **Organizing Your Home and Office:** Two classes will be held. Rid Yourself of Paper Clutter on November 16 at 6:30 pm and Organize Your Paper and Digital Photos on December 7 at 6:30 pm. There is a fee. **Strengthen and Tone Class:** Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 10:30 am. \$10 fee per class and the first class is free. **Holiday Gift Making: Beeswax Candle Making:** November 9 at 6:30 pm. The fee is \$8. **Holiday Ikebana Class:** November 12 at 10:30 am, there is a fee. **Holiday Gift Making: LED Greeting Cards:** November 30 at 6:30 pm. The fee is \$8. **Metalsmithing:** Scheduled for March. There is a fee. Learn basic skills to make beautiful jewelry and small objects. **Guest Author Joshua David Bellin,** author of science fiction books for teens, will speak at the library on November 13 at 2 pm.

Eat at La Cappella: On the first Wednesday of each month, La Cappella restaurant in the Waterworks Mall donates a percentage of sales to the library when diners bring a coupon from the library. Dine in or take out. Call or stop by the library for a coupon.

Become a literacy tutor, contact the library for details. Or if you need help with **learning English,** contact the library to arrange tutoring.

E-readers are now available for loan with free ebooks for you to read. Choose from Ipad mini and Kindle Fire. **Adventures in the Burgh:** This group takes a field trip each month to a place of interest in Pittsburgh. Check with the library for dates and times. **Meditation with a Monk:** Bante Punna from the Buddhist Cultural Center will lead meditation sessions. The techniques are appropriate for all adults regardless of beliefs or religious affiliations. Check with the library for dates and times. **Tea at the Library:** Held once a month, themes vary. Enjoy a proper English tea. April's tea will have a Jane Austen theme. Small fee for refreshments. Contact the library for more dates and themes. **Watercolor Painting Classes:** The library offers a weekly painting class that focuses on a different subject each time. BYOB and snacks. The fee is \$25 for the class and materials. **Watercolor Studio:** an instructor-led open work time on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. There is a fee. The fee is \$25. Contact the library reference department for details. **Computer Classes:** The library offers several tablet, phone and computer classes throughout the year. **Free Continuing Education Courses Online:** Use your library card and connect to Universal Class from our website, over 500 courses including Microsoft Office courses, for all ages, and you earn CEU hours. **Free Streaming Video and Music Downloads** are new to our library, connect from our website. Also **get free ebooks, audio, and emagazines** from our website. **Wise Walk Walking Program:** Walk for fitness! The library has ongoing book groups and a knitting group. Ask the Reference Department for details. Please check with the Reference Department for a current schedule of services and events for adults. Consider donating your used books, DVDs, and more to the library and your donation is tax-deductible.

Library Programs for Children

Registration is required. Please register by calling the children's department at 412-828-9520 ext. 18

Check out our events: Storytimes for Toddlers: Thursdays at 10:30 am. **Storytime for Preschoolers:** Tuesdays at 10:30 am **Baby & Me Storytime:** Mondays at 10:30 am. **Pajama Storytime:** Mondays at 7:30 pm. **Winter Reading Program:** Begins in January. Win a Prize for Reading! **Lego Days (some Sundays at 2 pm):** Held regularly, check with the library for dates and times. **Decorate a Mini-Gingerbread House:** November 28 at 1 pm. **Moccasins Storytelling:** November 20 at 2 pm. Barbara Kaczor will tell Native American stories and will display dance ceremony accessories.

Library Programs for Teens

Registration is required. Please register by calling the teen department at 412-828-9520 ext. 10

Mother/Daughter Book Club: held once a month, call the library for details.

Science Fiction Book Club: held once a month, call the library for details.

Teen Newsletter: Write, draw or take pictures for our newsletter.

Winter Reading Program for teens. Win a prize for reading!

Please check with the Teen Department for other events being held.

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»»» GARBAGE REMINDER «««

ORDINANCE #253 MANDATES THAT EVERY TOWNSHIP RESIDENT MUST SUBSCRIBE TO GARBAGE SERVICE. REGULAR GARBAGE PICKUP IS ON WEDNESDAYS. Recycling is also mandated. Do not place recyclables in plastic bags; place them in your recycling bin! Cardboard, newspapers and magazines can now be put in your recycling bin as well. **IF A HOLIDAY FALLS ON A MONDAY, TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY, YOUR GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP ON THURSDAY. IF THE HOLIDAY FALLS BETWEEN THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, THEN IT WILL BE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAY AS USUAL.** The Township's hauler is Waste Management, who can be reached at 1-800-458-4090, should you have any questions.

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

MEETING INFORMATION

REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING

2ND TUESDAY at 7:00 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

4th WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM

(November meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday and no meeting is held in December)

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Various 1ST THURSDAYS at 7:00 PM

(Refer to Twp. website for schedule)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Various 1ST MONDAYS at 7:00 PM

(Refer to Twp. website for schedule)

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Town Hall at 3710 Saxonburg Boulevard in Dorseyville



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2017 GARBAGE RATES

Once again, the Township is continuing its Garbage Contract with Waste Management. Garbage day is on Wednesdays each week (except for certain MAJOR holidays). Garbage and recycling **MUST** be placed at the curb prior to 6:00 a.m. on the day of pickup. The rates from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 will be as follows:

- **Regular Curb Service:** \$18.29/month
(Payments made for the entire contract period and prior to February 28th, 2017 will receive a 5% discount)
- **Senior Stickers:** \$5.00/sticker, per bag *(obtain directly through Waste Management)*
- **Backyard Pickup** *(walk up or drive in up to 150')*: \$33.29/month
(Limit of (2) 40 gallon cans or equivalent bags and (1) recycling bin per week)
- **Drive In Pickup** *(walk up or drive in over 150')*: \$38.29/month
(Limit of (2) 40 gallon cans or equivalent bags and (1) recycling bin per week)

****SPECIAL NOTE: These prices are subject to change slightly due to fuel adjustments****

Waste Management bills **THREE** times a year (every four months - NOT quarterly). If you have any additional questions, or need to sign up for the Senior Sticker Program, please contact Waste Management directly at 1-800-458-4090.

Township owned Havahart Traps will not be available November 1st through April 1st due to inclement weather for animals.

